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REF: A) BERLIN 5712, B) BERLIN 5714, C) BERLIN 5715,
D) BERLIN 5747, E) BERLIN 5748

1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, FIVE OF OUR OUTSTANDING HUMANTARIAN CASES MOVED CLOSER TO RESOLUTION.

A. ON APRIL 5, HORST TIEFHOLZ INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT HIS REQUEST TO DEPART GDR WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN HAS BEEN APPROVED, SEE REF A.

B. ON APRIL 7, MANFRED STACHEL INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT HIS LATEST REQUEST TO DEPART THE GDR, SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF, WIFE AND DAUGHTER HAS BEEN APPROVED - SEE REF B.

C. ON APRIL 7, ASTRIET RICHTER TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT HER APPLICATION TO DEPART THE GDR WITH HER DUAGHTER, ARLETTE, HS BEEN APPROVED - REF C.

D. ON APRIL 11, BRIGITTE SCHALKE ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT HER REQUEST TO EMIGRATE FROM THE GDR WITH HER SON MARIO HAS BEEN APPROVED - SEE REF E.

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E. ON APRIL 11, ELKE BERGHOLZ TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT HER REQUEST TO MARRY PHILIP NELSON AND PRESUMABLY TO DEPART THE GDR HAS BEEN APPROVED SEE REF. D.

2. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT THE GDR HAS TENDED TO RESOLVE HUMANITARIAN CASES IN CLUSTERS IN THE PAST, MOST RECENTLY

IN THE FALL OF 1976 WHEN A NUMBER OF CASES WERE RESOLVED
SATISFACTORILY WITHIN A SHORT TIME FRAME. AT THAT TIME,
THE GDR MOTIVATION FOR MOVING AHEAD IN THIS AREA
APPEARED TO LIE IN THE EXPECTATION THAT SUCH PROGRESS
MIGHT HELP WIN US APPROVAL FOR GDR TRADE OFFICE IN
NEW YORK. IN THE PRESENT CASE, ALTHOUGH THE SIMULTANEOUS
RESOLUTION OF THESE FIVE CASES MAY BE COINCIDENTAL, WE
BELIEVE THAT GDR MAY BE CLEARING THE HUMANTARIAN CASE
SLATE SOMEWHAT SO AS TO PRESENT A FAVORABLE RECORD AT
BELGRADE THIS SUMMER. WE DO NOT KNOW, AS OF NOW,
HOWEVER, , WHETHER OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES HAVE HAD AN
INCREASE IN RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING CASES.
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